

REPORTING THE STATE OF AN
APPARATUS TO A REMOTE COMPUTER

Abstract

5 The state of an apparatus is reported to a remote
computer using an embedded device in the apparatus. The
embedded device detects the state, generates an electronic
mail message that reports the state using a self-describing
computer language, and sends the electronic mail message to
10 the remote computer. The remote computer receives the
electronic mail message and extracts the state of the
embedded device from the message.

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